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1. There were no incidents of any major significance and the general level of terrorism was moderate. There were three kidnappings reported. One victim was a Comisionado Militar from the Department of Izabal who was captured in the capital by a group of unidentified men in olive drab uniforms. Another victim was Rogelia Cruz Martinez, former Miss Guatemala and known leftist. She had been arrested in early December when a considerable quantity of subversive documents was found in her car but had been released on bond. This time she was taken from her house in the capital by armed men. (Jan. 12 press reports her body found in Escuintla.)

2. There were also several assassinations reported. One of the victims, Luis Alfonso Aldana Cordon, a farmer from Zacapa, who was shot from a passing car in the capital and killed, is the first cousin of Jorge Enrique Aldana Cordon who was reported kidnapped in the capital on December 13. Raids on houses and fincas by bands of armed men continued and incidents were reported in the Departments of Jutiapa, Chiquimula, El Progreso and Escuintla. Two occupants of a house were killed in the Escuintla raid.

3. Several incidents may be connected in one way or another to the railroad strike. The Secretary General of the railroad workers union, SAMF, told press that he had been threatened with kidnapping and two railroad bridges in different parts of the country were sabotaged.

4. In addition 9 assassinated bodies with possible political overtones were located during the week.

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Enclosure: List of Incidents

*Jan. 12 press reports flysheet signed by FAR claims victim was Edgar Cruz, member right-wing terrorist group.

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Jan. 4 - Comisionado Militar from railroad station Cayuga, Dept. Izabal, Catarino Zuñiga Suchite captured in capital by unknown persons in olive-drab uniforms. No political motive known. Police fear he will turn up dead.

4 - Body of unidentified man found shot to death in Guajil de Solola, Dept. Solola. No political motive known.

4 - Dr. Manuel Serrano Muñoz robbed by olive-drab clad machine gun-carrying band on road to Totonicapan and Quetzaltenango, Dept. Totonicapan. Press reports there have been other reports of similar assaults. No political motive known.

4 - Gilberto Leiva, chief of Guardia de Hacienda (type of customs policeman) of Antigua, Department Sacatepequez, shot and badly wounded in Jutiapa by unknown group of submachine gun-carrying men.

6 - Body of Daniel Chicajay Boc found shot to death in El Carrizal, Dept. Guatemala. No political motive known.

7 - ~~Nothing on Jorge Enrique Aldana Cordon reported he was kidnapped from Terminal Market by unknown persons. No political motive known.~~

7 - Unknown persons set fire which burned part of two IRCA bridges: one on line to San Salvador and other in Department of Guatemala.

8 - Rogelia Cruz Martinez kidnapped from her house by unknown persons [REDACTED]

8 - Three houses were raided by armed bands in the eastern region, one in Guizada, Jutiapa, one in Ipala, Chiquimula, and the third in Sanarate, El Progreso. No political motive known.

8 - Jose Sandoval y Sandoval shot to death in Agua Blanca, Jutiapa. No political motive known.

9 - SAMF secretary tells press he has received kidnap threats. Asks official protection.

9 - David Velasquez Hernandez attacked in his house in San Francisco El Alto, Totonicapan. No political motive known.

10 - Farmer from Zacapa, Luis Alfonso Aldana Cordon shot to death from passing car in capital. His first cousin, Jorge Enrique Aldana Cordon, had been kidnapped in the capital on December 13. [REDACTED]

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- Jan. 10 - Armed band raids house in Nueva Concepcion, Dept. Escuintla, kills occupants: Ines Ramirez Campos and Amalia Solis Rodriguez. No political motive known.
- 10 - Bodies identified as those of Jesus Pérez Mijia and Pedro Pérez Portillo found in Temuhan, Dept. Chiquimula. No political motive known.
- 10 - Bodies of 5 unknown persons found in San Andres Villa Seca, Dept. Retalhuleu. Authorities suspect political motives behind killings.

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